Tender system for bookstalls at Railway stations

2187. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zonal Railways including the South Eastern Railway vide their letter No. PR/ GL/181 Pt-IV dated 23rd April, 1969 had suggested that bookstalls at the stations be awarded through tender system for better competition and more and more earnings; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not accepting the above suggestion by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) South Eastern Railway has advised that records are not available containing such proposal. No other Zonal Railway has also sent proposal for awarding bookstall contract through tender system.

(b) Does not arise.

Ticketless Rail travel in Andhra Pradesh

2188. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any drive has been undertaken by the Railways to reduce tecketless travel in Andhra Pradesh, in 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what were the fines levied on ticketless travellers;

(d) whether the Railways propose to intensify such raids and drive, to totally reduce ticketless travel in that State; and

(e) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Intensive drives are regularly conducted by Commercial & Vigilance departments against ticketless/irregular travel on the Railways. These drives include Ambush checks, special checks over vulnerable